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SUBJ: GOS VIEW OF SEVENTH SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE

1. A RECENT GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY SERVICE (RPD) RELEASE ON THE RESULTS OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE HELD IN GENEVA EARLIER THIS YEAR HIGHLIGHTED CONTINUED LACK OF AGREEMENT BUT OBSERVED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE "SLOWLY BUT SURELY MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION." IN RPD'S VIEW, HOWEVER, THE SESSION DID NOT ACHIEVE THE RESULTS WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS HAD EXPECTED. DIVISION OF SEA BOTTOM RESOURCES WAS SAID TO BE THE BIG REMAINING OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENT.

2. REFERRING TO THE 1970 UNGA RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SEA BOTTOM OUTSIDE OF NATIONAL JURISDICTIONS AND THE "COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND," RPD RELEASE GOES ON TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE LANDLOCKED AND GEORGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES AS  
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A PRESSURE GROUP SEEKING A SHARE OF THE RICHES OF THE SEA. HOWEVER, RPD CONCLUDES, IT IS BECOMING CLEARER AND CLEARER THAT AN "IMPORTANT PART OF THESE RICHES WILL BENEFIT ONLY A FEW COUNTRIES WHO ENJOY A FAVORABLE GEORGRAPHICAL POSITION" (BORDERING ON FISHING AREAS AND POSSESSING GAS AND OIL ON A CONTINENTAL SHELF).

3. RPD LABELS THE LOS CONFERENCE OF GREAT INTEREST TO SURINAM BECAUSE RULES ARE BEING DRAWN UP FOR TRACING SEA BOUNDARIES BETWEEN NEIGHBORING STATES AND FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN SUCH STATES. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO SURINAM'S NEW 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE AND ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF, WHICH HAS "NOT YET FULLY REVEALED ITS ECONOMIC VALUE."

4. RPD CONCLUDES TATEMENT WITH REPORT OF SURINAM'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A MOTION TO ALLOW DEPENDENT TERRITORIES TO BECOME PARTIES TO AN EVENTUAL LOS TREATY, COMMENTING THAT THEIR SITUATION RESEMBLES THAT OF SURINAM PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE IN NOVEMBER 1975 WHEN THE GOS PARTICIPATED AS AN OBSERVER IN PREVIOUS SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO RPD, THIS INITIATIVE BY SURINAM WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE OBSERVER DELEGATIONS FROM THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND MICRONESIA WHO WERE PRESENT IN GENEVA.  
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